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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the use, in an antimicrobial composition comprising (a) an antimicrobially effective amount of a dissolved antimicrobial metal ion and (b) a dissolved halide ion present in a molar excess relative to the metal ion, of a sufficient excess of the halide ion to stabilise the antimicrobial activity of the metal ion against loss on exposure to light and gamma radiation.